received at the time of arrival of the animals in India. These were only known later. In view of the animals found positive for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea and Malignant Catarrhal fever on testing in India, these have not been released from animal quarantine angle.

Devastation of Bt Cotton by American Bailworm

2377. SHRI C.P.THIRUNAVUKKARASU:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that American Bollworm has devastated Bt cotton crop against which it was supposed to have been genetically fortified at Anandwan College of Agriculture Farm near Nagpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to re-examine the efficacy of Bt cotton being marketed by Mahyco;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) which are the other places where Bt cotton seeds were sown and the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b)The Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur has, on the basis of a field visit by a team of their scientists of the Anandwan College of Agriculture, Warora, reported that the Bt cotton crop at Anandwan has not been devastated by American bollworm.

(c) to (e) The performance of Bt cotton is being monitored by a Committee constituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(f) The State-wise area under Bt coton during Kharif, 2002 is estimated as under:

	Area in acres
Gujarat	22918
Madhya Pradesh	3676
Maharashtra	30227
Andhra Pradesh	9192
Karnataka	5463
Tamil Nadu	1485

The crop of Bt cotton during Kharif, 2002 has not been fully harvested.

Testing of imported cattle in UK

2378. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDYSIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 333 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd November, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the samples of the cattle imported from Australia were sent to the International Epizooties Referral Laboratory, UK for testing; and

(b) if so, the result of the laboratory on the blood samples of the cattle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of the 232 samples sent to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Reference Laboratory in United Kingdom in two batches, 118 samples were tested positive for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea antibody.